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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FP PROJECT FOR TRAVEL TO MELBOURNE

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1. EARNESTLY HOPE YOU WILL TAKE A HAND TO INSURE THAT BUREAUCRATIC NARROW-MINDEDNESS DOES NOT FRUSTRATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE OUR FAMILY PLANNING OBJECTIVES IN RWANDA. LEARNED FROM CRS DIRECTOR WESTOVER PAST WEEKEND THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA HIMSELF CHOSE NOMINEES FOR TRAVEL TO MELBOURNE, WITH EXPECTATION THAT REQUEST FOR OUR HELP IN FUNDING TRAVEL WOULD BE PASSED DIRECTLY TO ME. HAVING REPEATEDLY MADE KNOWN TO PRESIDENT OUR READINESS TO HELP PROMOTE FAMILY PLANNING, WHEN AND IF RWANDA FINALLY DECIDED ON A POLICY, IT WOULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING -- NOT TO SAY SELF-DEFEATING-- TO TURN HIM DOWN ON THIS MODEST REQUEST.

2. WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF FACT THAT "NATURAL METHODS" ARE NOT THE ONLY TECHNOLOGIES WHICH GOR IS PRESENTLY STUDYING. AS YOU ARE AWARE (KIGALI 1758),
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PATHFINDER HAS ALSO OBTAINED GOR AGREEMENT TO TRAVEL VRVIEWKG#ITS OWN AND SUBSEQUENT IN-COUNTRY SEMINARS, WHEREIN STRESS WILL BE PLACED ON WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE MORE EFFECTIVE METHODS. HOWEVER, IN HIGHLY CHARGED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE THIS SUBJECT, IT IS UNREALISTIC FOR US TO EXPECT PRESIDENT NOT TO PURSUE BOTH, OR INDEED OTHER POSSIBILITIES, IN SEARCH FOR NATIONAL POLICY. IMPORTANT

THIRA IS THAT SEARCH IS GOING ON AND THAT WE SHOULD
PROMOTE IT SERIOUSLY AND ENERGETICALLY. RESULTS CANNOT
BUT BE HELPFUL FROM STANDPOINT OF OUR REALIZING THIS OUR
NO. 2 OBJECTIVE IN RWANDA -- SEE PARM.

3. APPRECIATE YOUR BACKING. P.S.: NOTE FROM DEC. 26
TIME MAGAZINE THAT HEW BANKROLLING \$1.4 MILLION STUDY OF
BILLINGS METHOD IN CALIFORNIA. I INFER THEREFORE THAT
USG POSITION ON BILLINGS NOT RPT NOT UNIFORMLY
NEGATIVE.
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